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Cracow, March 8.

ON Tuesday last about 8 in the morning, our Queen was brought to Bed of a young Princess. His Majesty has now disposed of several Vacancies, as that of the great Mareschal of the Kingdom, to the Prince *Lubomirski*, that of Mareschal of the Court, to the Sieur *Siniawski*, and of several Bishopricks, *&c.* The term of the Session of the Dyet is prolonged for eight days more, but according to the disposition the Members are at present in, we have reason to promise our selves a good conclusion of it, to the satisfaction of our Neighbors, the Emperor, and the Elector of *Brandenburg*. But as for the Turks, it's not doubted but the resolution will be taken to carry on the War with all vigor against them. It is said, that the first circular Letters have been already sent out for the convoking the Ban and Arrier-Ban of this Kingdom.

Madrid, March 12. The Viceroy of *Catalonia* continues with great earnestness to sollicite succors from hence, for that the French will be strong on that side this Campagne, 4000 Horse, and 10000 Foot, whereas on the other side our Troops in those parts are very few, and no way able to make head against the Enemy. They write from those parts, that the Miquelets, who were quartered in *Figueras*, had committed several disorders and insolencies, having plundered two neighbouring Villages, *&c.* We have with great satisfaction received the account of *de Ruyter's* being returned to *Naples*, so that now we are eased of the apprehensions we were in upon the news we had of his being about quitting the Mediterranean, and returning home. *Don Juan* of *Austria* continues at *Saragosa*, and at present there is not any talk of his coming to Court. It is believed the *Portugal* Armada, consisting in 14 Men of War, is by this time sailed from *Lisbonne*, for the Coast of *Africa*. The Duke of *Albuquerque* lies dangeously ill, without hopes of recovery.

Vienna, March 20. The Queen Dowager of *Poland* is at present ill of the Small-pox, but past all danger. The Imperial Minister at *Cracow* confirms as we are told, what we had heard before of the disposition of the Dyet to conclude a firm Peace with his Imperial Majesty, though he adds, that there were several of the Senators who opposed it. We shall now quickly know how far their opinions have prevailed, for when our last Letters came away from *Cracow*, the Dyet was to end in three or four days. We are told, that an estimate hath been taken of the extraordinary charges his Imperial Majesty is at in this War and that they amount to Ten Millions of Crowns, and that the Ministers are at present busied to raise this sum. It hath been reported here, that the Prince of *Transilvania*, and those of *Moldavia* and *Wallachia*, have brought together a considerable Body of Men, with intent to assist the Rebels, but that the Grand Signior, had commanded them to put those Troops into his service, to be employed against *Poland*; but this meets not with any certainty here.

Strasburg, March 23. On Friday last the Governor of *Haguenaw* caused seven Wagons, laden with Merchandises, that were going from hence towards *Spire* to be stopt, notwithstanding they had a Pasport of the Governor of *Philipsburg*. It is believed Monsieur *Verjus*, the French Envoy, will not continue long here, since our Magistrates have given him an answer little to his satisfaction, in the matter he came to propose here, on the part of the Most Christian King. The French Troops march from the *Saar*, *Lorrain*, and the *Upper Alsatia*, towards *Saverne*, where they are to form a Body of an Army, for the putting a Convoy into *Philipsburg*. The 19 instant, the French of that place marched out, to the number of 6 or 700 Men, with intention to have fallen upon some of the Posts which the Imperialists have lately taken in that Neighborhood; but it seems these having an account thereof, way-laid them, and cut most of them off, for the Imperialists would not give them any quarter, because of the devastations that have been made by that Garison, in the neighbouring Countreys. Four hundred Women having been lately sent from *Philipsburg*, to buy up Provisions in the Neighborhood, the Imperial Soldiers meeting with them, stript them stark-naked, and so drove them home again.

Ditto, March 27. The Mareschal *de Rochefort* having assembled 6 or 7000 Men together, in the Neighborhood of *Saverne*, had resolved to put a Convoy into *Philipsburg*, and accordingly he put himself on his march, but understanding that the Duke of *Lorrain* had with several Imperial Troops passed the *Rhine* at *Lauterburg*, and that they were much stronger than the Forces he had with him, he did not think fit to attempt the execution of his intended design; but the Mareschal as we hear is returned to *Metz* in *Lorrain*. We expect in few days the Mareschal *de Montmorency* in these parts.

Eslingen, March 27. The 21 instant the Duke of *Lorrain* arrived here, and the same day the Prince of *Baden* returned hither, from his quarter at *Rosheim*, to confer with his Highness. The 24th, they went together to *Lauterburg*, to have an eye upon the Enemy, who assembled a Body of an Army together at *Saverne* and *Haguenaw*, with design to put into *Philipsburg* a supply of several things, which that Garison seems to be in want of. But since we understand, that the Enemy hath not thought fit to attempt any thing, and that their Forces are separated again, wherefore our Troops are likewise returning to their quarters, and the Duke of *Lorrain* is expected back here to morrow. We have advice, that the Mareschal *de Montmorency* is arrived at *Schlestadt*. From *Vienna* we have Letters of the 22 past, which tell us, that there was arrived a Turkish Chiaus, who had informed that Court, that the Grand Signior had resolved to send a splendid Embassy to his Imperial Majesty, to confirm the Peace between the two Empires. That the Count of *Montecuculi* intended to part from *Vienna* towards these parts about the end of the last Month.

Brussels, March 31. On Saturday last his Excellency gave orders to the Duke *de Montalto*, and the Count *Egmond* to have the Cavalry ready to march upon the

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